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Transfer of sub-judges and district munsifs.

*1888 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule or convention according to which munsifs, sub-judges and district judges may serve in any one place only for a certain number of years; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to move in that direction?

A.—(a) The power of appointment and transfer of district munsifs is vested in the High Court under section 7 of the Madras Civil Courts Act.

There is no rule or convention as suggested in the question in the case of sub-judges and district judges.

(b) No

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I know whether there is any such convention in other sister departments, at present that they should not be detained in one place for more than three years ordinarily?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not know, Sir."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"The question was with reference to munsifs, sub-judges and district judges, but the answer is given only with reference to sub-judges and district judges. May I know what the answer is with regard to munsifs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is there in clause (a). If he had read it carefully he would have seen it. My Friend did not read it, i.e., that the power is vested in the High Court."

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government in the case of sub-judges and district judges that they should continue in any one place as long as those officers please?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There is no hard and fast rule, Sir."

Forests

Establishment and work of the Forest department.

*1889 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) the latest sections into which the Forest department has been divided for conservation, regeneration, exploitation and other purposes;

(b) the several officers in each section with a pay of Rs. 1,000 and more;

(c) the number of other officers and subordinates in the several grades; and

(d) the total cost of the establishment in each section; and

(ii) to state—

(a) whether Government propose to increase or reduce the staff in each section;

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(*b*) whether there has been laid down any programme of work for each section for a number of years (say five) in advance ; and

(*c*) what this programme is with estimated receipts, expenditure and profits ?

A.—(i) (*a*) *to* (*d*) This department has not been divided into sections in the manner indicated in the question. In the budget, provision for the officers and establishments has been made under the following heads :—

8. a. General Direction ...	(Chief Conservator's office.)
8. c. i. District establishments.	(General Forest Administration excluding Working Plan Circle.)
8. c. ii. Research ...	(Research Officer and his establishments.)
8. c. iii. Exploitation ...	(Chief Forest Engineer, his office and the other offices subordinate to him.)
8. c. iv. Forest College ...	(College and its staff.)
8. c. v. Chenchu Officer ...	(Chenchu Officer and his establishments.)
52-A. c. ii. Regeneration.	(Working Plans Circle and establishment charges pertaining to the regeneration units of Nilambur and Mount Stuart.)

The Civil Budget Estimate for 1929–30 (I Edition) contains information as to the number of officers and subordinates employed under each of the sub-heads and their estimated cost. The Chief Conservator, all the Conservators, the Chief Forest Engineer, the Logging Engineer and the Forest Engineer (Major W. F. Chipp) draw more than Rs. 1,000; some of the Indian Forest Service officers may also draw Rs. 1,000 and above as their scale of pay is on a progressive scale of Rs. 325—1,350 *plus* overseas pay. This number is likely to vary with time. Provision has been made in the budget for 1929–30 for each officer for the pay that he would draw on 1st April 1929.

(ii) (*a*) The question of the revision of the strength of the Indian Forest Service and Madras Forest Service and the strength of foresters and guards is under consideration. The appointment of the Chief Forest Engineer and Logging Engineer will terminate on 31st May 1930 and 21st October 1929 respectively.

(*b*) & (*c*) There is no programme laid down for a number of years in advance. The estimates of anticipated revenue and expenditure are being prepared for one year ahead. The figures are available for 1929–30 alone.

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to clauses (b) and (c), may I know, Sir, why no programme is laid for some years for every section ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because it has not been considered necessary."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is the hon. the Law Member sure that no programme is laid down for five years in regard to working plans ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No programme for five years has been laid down."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" For some sections it may be two years, for some it may be only one year. Similarly, are there no working plans for some years ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Of course, working plans are intended certainly for more than one year."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Are Government aware what working plans they have got in view now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what the period generally is for which a working plan is drawn up ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir "

Honorary Magistrates

Committee for the selection of Honorary Presidency Magistrates.

*1890 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is a committee for selecting Honorary Presidency Magistrates in Madras and who are the members of the committee ?

A.—Yes. The committee consists of the Collector of Madras (President), the Chief Presidency Magistrate and the Commissioner of Police.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the Commissioner of Police was present on this Board when Mr. Paisley was selected for an Honorary Magistrate's place—the same man who recommended his removal now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Was he recommended by the then Law Member of the Government to be made an Honorary Presidency Magistrate ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There was no case of any recommendation by the Law Member. The Law Member had an important part in appointing him."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Did they do their duty all right, Sir, when they appointed him ? Mr. Paisley was selected by them, to hold office as Honorary Magistrate for three years. And at the end of that period, the Commissioner of Police who is a new man says that there is an old standing complaint against this man and . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is giving information to the Government."